

REMARKS

Summary of the Claims

The Notice of Allowance indicates that claims 1, 5, 7, 11, 19, and 23 are allowed. The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing these claims.

Amendments to the Claims

The Applicants have amended claim 7, without prejudice, solely to correct a minor grammatical error. Claim 7 has not been amended to overcome any cited art. Accordingly, amended claim 7 remains patentable over the cited art.

Examiner Interview

The Applicants thank Examiner Champagne for her time and for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on August 24, 2009. During the call, the Applicants' representative, Jonathan A. Paulis, explained that claim 7 included a minor grammatical error that the Applicants would like to address in an amendment filed under 37 CFR § 1.312. Examiner Champagne agreed that amending claim 7 to change "issuing" to "issue" would be an acceptable amendment after the Notice of Allowance. The Applicants again thank Examiner Champagne for her time and for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview.

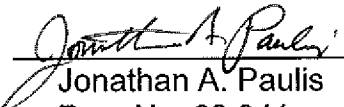
Fee

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application remains in condition for allowance. Should any new concerns arise, Examiner Champagne is urged to please initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned representative to address her concerns.

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